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Sir:

Attached hereto is a copy of a Notice to File Corrected Application Papers which was mailed in the above-identified application on April 3, 2002.

In response, the applicants provide herewith seven (7) sheets of sixteen (16) formal drawing figures. Please substitute these drawings for the original drawings filed in the application.

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Please proceed to examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

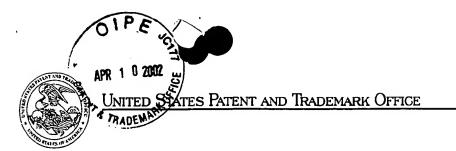
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The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

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